



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2013-N-1429]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Registration of Human Drug Compounding Outsourcing Facilities Under Section 503B of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and Associated Fees

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Submit written comments (including recommendations) on the collection of information by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be submitted to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review - Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0910-0776. Also include the FDA docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

Registration of Human Drug Compounding Outsourcing Facilities Under Section 503B of the
Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and Associated Fees

OMB Control Number 0910-0776--Revision

This information collection helps to support implementation of section 503B of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) and the Drug Quality and Security Act (DQSA).

A. Registration

Under section 503B of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 353b), added by DQSA, a facility that compounds drugs may elect to register with FDA as an outsourcing facility. Drug products compounded in a registered outsourcing facility can qualify for exemptions from the FDA-approval requirements in section 505 of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 355), the requirement to label products with adequate directions for use under section 502(f)(1) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 352(f)(1)), and the requirements for drug supply chain security in section 582 of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 360eee-1) if the requirements in section 503B of the FD&C Act have been met.

After the initial registration, under section 503B(b) of the FD&C Act, a facility that elects to register with FDA as an outsourcing facility must also do so annually between October 1 and December 31. Upon registration, the outsourcing facility must provide specific information including its name, place of business, a unique facility identifier, and a point of contact's email address and phone number. The outsourcing facility must also indicate: (1) whether it intends to compound, within the next calendar year, a drug that appears on our drug shortage list in effect under section 506E of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 356e); and (2) whether it compounds from bulk drug substances and, if so, whether it compounds sterile or non-sterile drugs from bulk drug substances.

Outsourcing facilities that elect to register submit registration information for each facility electronically using a Structured Product Labeling (SPL) format in accordance with the FDA guidance for industry entitled “Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format-- Drug Establishment Registration and Drug Listing (May 2009).” The guidance is available from our website at: <https://www.fda.gov/media/71146/download>. Respondents unable to use electronic means to register may submit a written request for a waiver from the requirement.

B. Registration Fees

Upon registration, and in accordance with section 503B and 744K of the FD&C Act, facilities are assessed an establishment fee and receive an annual invoice from FDA with instructions for remitting payment. Until payment is made for each given fiscal year (FY), an establishment is not considered to be registered as an outsourcing facility.

In accordance with section 744K of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 379j-62), certain outsourcing facilities may qualify for a small business reduction in the amount of the annual establishment fee. To qualify for this reduction, an outsourcing facility must submit a written request to FDA certifying that the entity meets the requirements for the reduction. For each FY a firm seeks to qualify as a small business and receive the fee reduction, it must submit to FDA a written request by April 30 of the preceding FY. For example, an outsourcing facility must have submitted a written request for the small business reduction by April 30, 2020, to qualify for a reduction in the fiscal year 2021 annual establishment fee.

Section 744K also requires an outsourcing facility to submit written requests for a small business reduction in a specified format: Form FDA 3908 entitled “Outsourcing Facilities for Human Drug Compounding: Small Business Establishment Fee Reduction Request.” Form FDA 3908 is available from our website at: <https://www.fda.gov/media/90740/download>. In response to the submission of a small business reduction request, FDA will send a notification letter of its decision and recommends that applicants retain the notification.

C. Reinspection Fees

In accordance with section 503B of the FD&C Act, outsourcing facilities are subject to inspection and, in accordance with section 744K, subject to reinspection fees. A reinspection fee will be incurred for each reinspection and is intended to reimburse FDA when a particular outsourcing facility requires reinspection because of noncompliance identified during a previous inspection. After a reinspection is conducted, FDA will send an invoice to the email address indicated in the facility's registration file. The invoice contains instructions for remitting the reinspection fee.

D. Dispute Resolution

Agency regulations under § 10.75 (21 CFR 10.75) provide for internal Agency review of decisions. Accordingly, an outsourcing facility may request reconsideration of an FDA decision related to the fee provisions of section 744K of the FD&C Act. Requests for reconsideration should include the facility's rationale for its position that FDA's decision was in error and include any additional information that is relevant to the outsourcing facility's assertion. The denial of a request for reconsideration may be appealed by submitting a written request to FDA, consistent with § 10.75.

To assist respondents with the information collection provisions, we have developed Agency guidance. The guidance document entitled "Registration of Human Drug Compounding Outsourcing Facilities Under Section 503B of the FD&C Act (November 2014)" describes the process for electronic submission of establishment registration information for outsourcing facilities and provides information on how to obtain a waiver from submitting registration information electronically. The guidance document entitled "Fees for Human Drug Compounding Outsourcing Facilities Under Sections 503B and 744K of the FD&C Act (November 2014)" describes the types and amounts of fees that outsourcing facilities must pay, the adjustments to fees required by law, how outsourcing facilities can submit payment to FDA, the consequences of outsourcing facilities' failure to pay fees, and how an outsourcing facility can qualify as a small business to obtain a reduction in fees. The guidance documents were

issued consistent with our good guidance practice regulations (21 CFR 10.115), which provide for public comment at any time, and are available on our website at <https://www.fda.gov/media/87570/download> and <https://www.fda.gov/media/136683/download>, respectively.

In the *Federal Register* of August 20, 2020 (85 FR 51442), we published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information. No comments were received.

We estimate the burden of the information collection as follows:

Table 1.--Estimated Annual Reporting Burden¹

Activity	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Total Annual Responses	Average Burden per Response	Total Hours
Electronic Submission of Registration Information Using the SPL Format	70	1	70	4.5	315
Waiver Request From Electronic Submission of Registration Information	1	1	1	1	1
Subtotal					
Remission of Annual Establishment Fee From FDA Invoice	70	1	70	0.5 (30 minutes)	35
Request for Small Business Reduction (Form FDA 3908)	15	1	15	25	375
Reinspection Fees	14	1	14	0.5 (30 minutes)	7
Reconsideration Requests	3	1	1	1	3
Appeal of Reconsideration Denials	1	1	1	1	1
Total			101		421

¹ There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

We estimate 70 respondents annually will submit outsourcing facility registrations using the SPL format as specified in Agency guidance and assume each registration will require 4.5 hours to prepare and complete. We expect no more than one waiver request from the electronic submission requirement annually and assume each waiver request will require 1 hour to prepare and submit. We estimate each of the 70 registrants will remit annual establishment fees and assume this task requires 30 minutes per respondent. We estimate that 15 of those respondents will request a small business reduction in the amount of the annual establishment fee using Form FDA 3908.

We estimate 14 outsourcing facilities annually will remit reinspection fees and assume this will require 30 minutes. We also estimate that we will receive three requests for reconsideration and one appeal of a denial of a request for reconsideration and assume 1 hour per respondent for this activity.

Table 2.--Estimated Annual Recordkeeping Burden¹

Activity	No. of Recordkeepers	No. of Records per Recordkeeper	Total Annual Records	Average Burden per Recordkeeping	Total Hours
Retention of small business designation notification letter	15	1	15	0.5 (30 minutes)	7.5

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We estimate that annually 15 outsourcing facilities will maintain a copy of their small business designation letter and that maintaining each record will require 0.5 hour (30 minutes).

These estimates reflect a slight increase in the number of annual registrations, but a decrease in reinspection fee submissions.

Dated: November 12, 2020.

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